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1. DEPT SHARES MISSION'S CONCERN ON POTENTIAL CONTROVERSY OVER REMAINING THREE OFFERS TO HOST THE UNCSTD, AND WELCOMES MISSION'S EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT OF CONSENSUS DECISION. BELIEVE EFFORTS TO THIS END STAND SOME CHANCE OF SUCCESS, AS MISSION POINTS OUT, IF ALL CONCERNED CAN AGREE NOT PRESS FOR DECISION UNTIL FINAL DAY OF SECOND COMMITTEE'S WORK. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT ANY EFFORTS ON OUR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PART TO PRESENT US DRAFT OR AMEND EITHER AUSTRIAN OR MEXICAN DRAFTS MAY INVOLVE US IN CONTROVERSY OVER ISSUE WHICH NOT CRITICAL TO US INTERESTS.

2. IN MEETING NOVEMBER 29 WITH FATHER HESBURGH AND OTHERS, THE SECRETARY EMPHASIZED (A) DESIRE THAT FURTHER PROMOTION OF US OFFER BE LOW KEY, STRAIGHT FORWARD AND NOT AGGRES-

SIVELY PURSUED; AND (B) NEED TO AVOID TAKING ANY STEPS WITH REGARD TO UNCSTD SITE QUESTION WHICH WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT US RELATIONSHIPS WITH MEXICO. DEPT PLEASED, THEREFORE, AT

PATTERN OF CLOSE CONSULTATIONS ON THIS ISSUE ESTABLISHED BY AMBASSADOR WELLS WITH AMBASSADORS BARSELO, JANKOWITCH AND MILLS. OUR CAUTION WITH REGARD TO AUSTRIA RELATES TO OUR CONTINUING SUPPORT OF VIENNA AS THIRD UN CITY AND OUR DESIRE TO AVOID APPEARANCE OF COMPLICATING THEIR REALIZATION OF THIS OBJECTIVE.

3. DEPT APPRECIATES MISSION'S PROMPT REPORTING ON THIS ITEM AND WILL WISH CONSULT CLOSELY ON FURTHER HANDLING OF US OFFER IN LIGHT RESULTS MISSION'S CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS. WILL BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN AMBASSADOR MILL'S READING OF ANY CONSENSUS WHICH BEGINS TO EMERGE IN G-77. IN FACT, WE BELIEVE THAT SINCE CONFERENCE IS PRIMARILY DESIGNED TO HELP LDCS, WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE G-77 TO SETTLE THIS ISSUE BY REACHING GROUP DECISION WHICH ALL THREE HOST COUNTRIES PREPARED TO ACCEPT.

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